

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A cleaning apparatus comprising:

a cleaning element;

a support ~~means~~ for carrying the cleaning element; and

a handle coupled to the cleaning element support.

2-7 (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the cleaning element comprises:

a mat having an exterior surface formed with cleaning members fixed ~~to the core~~ thereto.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the cleaning member comprises:

a plurality of bristles extending from the mat.

10-12 (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:

a sheet disposed over the bristles.

14-21 (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 9<sub>1</sub> further comprising:

means, removably mountable over the mat and between the  
bristles, to remove loose articles collected by the bristles when the  
means is removed from the mat.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 22<sub>1</sub> wherein the means comprises a  
sheet having apertures mountable over the bristles on the mat.

24-27 (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 8<sub>1</sub> wherein the cleaning element  
further comprises:

a non-woven fabric sheet disposed about said cleaning  
members.

29. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 28<sub>1</sub> wherein the cleaning element  
members further comprises:

a plurality of bristles extending from a mat mountable over  
the support.

30. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 29<sub>1</sub> wherein :

the bristles extend through the fabric sheet.

31-34 (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~32~~ 28<sub>1</sub> wherein the ~~cloth~~ sheet is pre-moistened with a medium.

36-49 (Canceled)

50. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1<sub>1</sub> further comprising:  
the cleaning element including a sheet disposed about the support.

51-55 (Canceled)

56. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 50<sub>1</sub> further comprising:  
a protective cap mountable ~~over the sheet~~ to the support to sealingly encompass the ~~fabrie~~ sheet.

57. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 56<sub>1</sub> wherein the protective cap comprises:  
an open ended enclosure friction mountable to the support to sealingly mount the protective cap to the support about the sheet.

58. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 56, wherein the protective cap comprises:

first and second hingedly coupled sections sealingly mountable about the sheet on the support.

59-74 (Canceled)

75. (New) The apparatus of claim 57, wherein said enclosure has an end sized to form a friction or pressure fit with a collar located between said handle and said support.

76. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising:

a protective cap mountable to the support to sealingly encompass the sheet.

77. (New) The apparatus of claim 76, wherein the protective cap comprises:

an open ended enclosure friction mountable to the support to sealingly mount the protective cap to the support about the sheet.

78. (New) The apparatus of claim 77, wherein said enclosure has an end sized to form a friction or pressure fit with a collar located between said handle and said support.

79. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, further comprising:

a protective cap mountable to the support to sealingly encompass the sheet.

80. (New) The apparatus of claim 79, wherein the protective cap comprises:

an open ended enclosure friction mountable to the support to sealingly mount the protective cap to the support about the sheet.

81. (New) The apparatus of claim 80, wherein said enclosure has an end sized to form a friction or pressure fit with a collar located between said handle and said support.

82. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, further comprising:

a protective cap mountable to the support to sealingly encompass the sheet.

83. (New) The apparatus of claim 82, wherein the protective cap comprises:

an open ended enclosure friction mountable to the support to sealingly mount the protective cap to the support about the sheet.

84. (New) The apparatus of claim 83, wherein said enclosure has an end sized to form a friction or pressure fit with a collar located between said handle and said support.